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## THERE'S VICTORY IN THE AIR

After an active canvass of a large part of the District, Judge Watkins is encouraged with the prospects of assured victory in the Congressional race. The lawyer-farmer candidate has touched the popular heart, and it is making earnest and enthusiastic response. Personal, professional and practical records unite in making the ideal candidate, and candidacy will on election day be converted into Congressman. But the fight is still on, and his friends will see to it that the majority will be an impressive one. Pay at least your capitation tax, only \$1.00 now, and be ready to do full soldier's part on the day when the battle is joined. Prince Edward will see to it that a worthy son will win the laurels, and with the comforting assurance that when victory will be reaching worn.

## THE NATIONAL GRANGE IN SESSION

Below we give the results of the Conference of representative farmers of the nation.

First—Equal protection for persons of all classes, labor of all kinds, capital of all amounts, and products in all forms and volumes.

Second—No protection for monopolies and those who sell in foreign markets for less than is demanded in our own for the same article.

Third—Heaviest duties on imports most used by those best able to bear the burden of taxation.

Fourth—A differential rate which may be used to open the markets of the world to all our products on equal terms.

The following exhibits the position of the Grange on the new tariff laws. Received, That the national session of the Grange, held at the University of Chicago, during its session, in no sense abrogated the principles of the Grange, nor was it in conformity to the promises of the dominating party, and we, the National Grange, representing the 35,000,000 farmers of the United States, do notice and condemn the tariff law as enacted as unjust and unfair to the farmers of the United States, and we respectfully and urgently urge such amendments made thereto as will be just and equitable to the producing classes of this country.

No just or reasonable man dare say that the framers of the land are not entitled to these reasonable things. Can they attain them? Voting together they can, but divided the same old oppressive conditions will continue to prevail. 'To your tents, O, Israel.'

Washington designated the 7th of May, 1778, as Thanksgiving Day, and for the reason that 'news arrived that France had concluded a treaty of friendship and alliance with the thirteen states of the Union.' And it is said that without the turkey or pumpkin pies the day was a joyous one.

Aldrich agrees with Hill that 'credit is better than cash.' But only during the intervals of time that separate national election days. On all such days nothing but the ready cash is in demand by the G. O. P., and the Trusts will stand ready to shell it out with the distinct understanding, however, that when Aldrich, Cannon & Co., get back to work at Washington they will in turn shell out too. And the shelling process does go on without let or hindrance. What fools we voters be.

President Taft and his home circle didn't go hungry on Thanksgiving Day. The turkey for dinner touched the beans at 32 pounds, the mince pie weighed 50, and contained among other rich ingredients one-half gallon of good brandy, so that Mr. Taft got his dram without doing violence to any of his prohibition proclivities. The fat possum which was sent to him from the South found its way to the Smithsonian Institute rather than to the family table, and in this grievous mistake was made. It was intended not as a curio, but to be chewed on, and such should have been the uses to which it should have been loyally dedicated.

Now let our President remember that the people from whom this princely gift came are more interested in good highways than they are in better ways, and let him see to it that in his next message to Congress due deference is paid to these weightier matters of the law. The comforts of this great country come from the citizen who travels public highways, and this fact should be fully recognized by the authorities at Washington. It will be base ingratitude not so to do.

If the football boys continue to die in the game, the game itself will die for need of players.

King Edward, of England, is paid a fine salary, is always winning big purses at the races, and yet always in debt. He should employ an American Napoleon of finance to manage his affairs pecuniary.

When Richmond and Manchester get to be one, and when Richmond people 'wash' in clear water, the unexpected will have happened again. Farmville has the clear water, and is in no wise disturbed on the subject of annexation. 'No pent up Utica confines her powers.'

Since the Sherman anti-trust law began to be effective, there's clamor for its repeal or modification of its vigor so that it won't hurt. Just so. Trust money make law-makers, and law-makers like asses, must remember 'the master's crib.'

Attorney-General Williams says he made no promises during the canvass, but did agree with himself that if he can find a competent ex-Confederate lawyer, he would make him his assistant. And he has found him, and his name is Bibb, though it has been many a day since he wore a bib.

The effort to make prohibition a constitutional feature in Alabama was defeated on last Monday by 20,000 prohibition, however, is already the law of the State by statutory enactment, so the 'drys' are still in the saddle.

The Winchester Star, owned and edited by Speaker Byrd, admits that in Virginia there is an 'official Democratic organization.' That the Democrats of Virginia should be well organized is most desirable, and we may add necessary, but the 'official' feature we don't catch on to. If it smacks of a 'machine,' away with it.

Express charges are exorbitant and outrageous. The Wells-Fargo Express Company is to divide \$24,000,000 among its share holders. It will increase its capital from \$8,000,000 to \$24,000,000 and will pay a cash dividend of \$300 on every \$100 share. If this isn't grand larceny or highway robbery, what is it? Remember that all the money comes out of the pockets of the people. And the Express Co., is a creature of the law.

That China-plum is a rich one, and we very much hope that it will fall into the lap of Ex-Governor Montague. He has gotten in the habit of getting good things from Washington without having made a fool of himself in Virginia, and our hope is that the luck will continue. No good can come to him that we will not rejoice in.

One Mr. J. W. McGavock, a leading Republican of Southwest Virginia, is out in a letter in which he says that the Republicans of Virginia are opposed to negro enfranchisement, and that they would oppose state-wide prohibition if that is to mean an increase of the negro vote in the State. The Republicans of the nation can remove all fear of negro influence in politics by having the courage to do away with the law that enfranchised them. And that day is coming.

## HANDICAPPED

This is the Case With Many Farmville People.

Too many Farmville citizens are handicapped with a bad back. The increasing pain causes constant misery, making work a burden, and stooping or lifting an impossibility. The back aches at night, preventing refreshing rest and in the morning is stiff and lame. Plasters and liniments may give relief, but cannot reach the cause. To eliminate the pains and aches you must cure the kidneys.

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## BANNER YEAR FOR FARMERS

Value of Crops so Large Figures Pass Comprehension.

## REPORT ON AGRICULTURE

Secretary Wilson Says High Prices Helped, But Bumper Crops Also Played Important Part—Result of Investigation Into Price of Meat.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture, says Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his thirteenth annual report. The value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is \$8,769,000,000, a gain of \$869,000,000 over 1908.

The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. It has paid off mortgages; it has established banks; it has made better homes; it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world, and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive.

Corn, cotton, wheat, hay and oats lead in reaching this stupendous result. The November farm value of these staples was: Corn, \$1,720,000,000; cotton, \$850,000,000; wheat, \$725,000,000; hay, \$665,000,000, and oats, \$400,000,000. Trailing along came potatoes, \$212,000,000; tobacco, \$100,000,000, and sugar, \$95,000,000.

High prices helped to bring this immense sum to the farmers, but a bumper crop also played an important part, as the production of all cereals combined is 4,711,000,000 bushels, an amount considerably greater than that for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 6.5 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equalled in a previous year. It is almost exactly \$3,000,000,000 or 34 per cent above the five-year average.

### Prices of Meat.

Secretary Wilson has just finished a unique investigation relating to the increase of wholesale prices of beef when sold at retail. Inquiries were made in fifty cities—large, medium and small—in all parts of the country, and it was found that for the fifty cities the total retail cost charged to customers above the wholesale cost paid by the retailers is 28 per cent.

A gross profit of 20 per cent was found in New York city and in Philadelphia, 36 per cent in Boston, 17 per cent in Baltimore, 42 per cent in Washington, 46 per cent in Chicago, 25 per cent in Cincinnati, 23 per cent in Omaha, 39 per cent in St. Louis, Mo.; 64 per cent in Mobile, Ala., and 37 per cent in Denver, Colo. The North Atlantic states exacted the smallest profit and the south central states the largest.

Another feature of the investigation showed that the lower the grade of beef the greater the percentage of gross profit. In Boston, for instance, the rate of gross profit is nearly twice as great for beef costing 8 cents at wholesale as for beef costing 11 and 11½ cents. Low priced beef is marked up nearly twice as much relatively as high-priced beef. In other words, perhaps it is a safe inference that the poor people pay nearly twice as much profits as the well-to-do people pay.

### Farmers' Share of Profits.

An inquiry was also made to find if, in the ascending prices of meat, the prices of the farmers' beef cattle and hogs have increased in proportion to the retail prices, and the conclusion was reached that the farmer has failed to receive a share of the higher beef prices with regard to the raw animal. He, however, gets some return for the high-priced corn that he feeds to his steers, but not a return equal to 60 cents a bushel for his corn, which is the price for the last two years. As for the unfed steer, it does not participate in the upward movement of prices in its farm value.

## INJURED MIDDY IMPROVES

Earl Wilson, Football Victim, Is Able to Sit Up.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 1. — For the first time since the accident on Oct. 16, when a vertebrae of his neck was broken during a football game, Midshipman Earl D. Wilson was able to sit up. His general condition remains good and his spirits excellent.

A course of electrical and massage treatment has been begun and good results are expected.

Since the operation on Nov. 14 there has been a slight improvement in the paralysis.

## HARRIMAN LEFT \$149,000,000

Dead Magnate's Estate Appraised at That Figure.

New York, Dec. 1.—The final appraisal of the estate of the late E. H. Harriman, as completed in Orange county, puts it at \$149,000,000. The estate is made up of railroad stocks and bonds, principally Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, and real estate.

General Booth Faces Blindness. London, Dec. 1.—A cataract is rapidly forming on the remaining eye of General Booth, head of the Salvation Army. An operation is inevitable.

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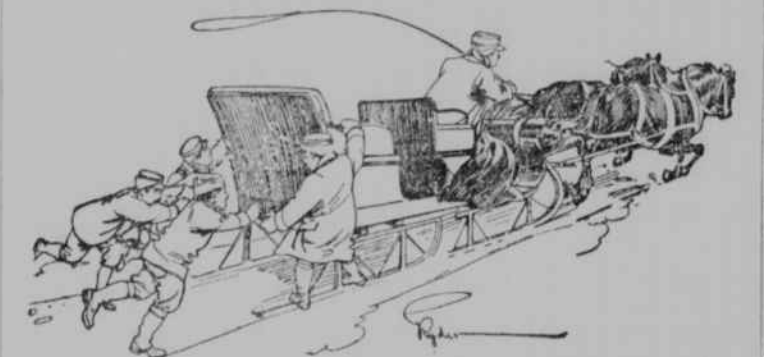
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IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT of the county of Cumberland on the 1st day of Dec. 1909.

Sally Westry vs. Walter Westry. Plaintiff against Defendant.

In Chancery. The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the grounds of desertion from the defendant. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Walter Westry, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Farmville Herald, a newspaper published in the county of Prince Edward, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this county on the 6th day of December, 1909, that being the next succeeding rule day after this order was entered.

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